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Attn: Dr. Georg Thiele

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/093,970 for "PROCESS FOR STABILIZING
THE WHITENESS OF LIGNIN CONTAINING FIBROUS MATERIALS,
STABILIZER COMPOSITION AND FIBROUS MATERIALS STABILIZED WITH
THIS"

Inventor(s): Klaus Fischer, et al.
Your Ref.: 010019 BL
Our Ref.: 032301.263

Dear Dr. Thiele:

We have received and thank you for your letter of May 11, 2004, regarding the above-referenced matter.


On May 13, 2004, we prepared and filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, a response to the outstanding Office Action. Two copies of the Response, as filed, are enclosed.

We relied on your extensive comments which were very helpful in preparing the Response to the Examiner. We also cited the patent statute and the rules of practice to point out that the office action failed to properly find that the subject matter was independent and distinct. The *Lee* case was cited in connection with the argument for keeping the fibrous material claims together. We did not, however, want to admit anything about the broader aspect of the invention as being indefinite (page 2, of your letter, lines 7-8) in view of possible file wrapper estoppel.

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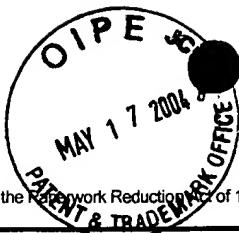
Please review the enclosed response and, if you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Weilacher', written over a horizontal line.

Robert G. Weilacher

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Filed: September 21, 2000
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Examiner: Gevell V. Selby
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RESPONSE

In response to the Official Action dated February 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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